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801.000 Scope of part.

This part prescribes general policies and background regarding the Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR). It includes information regarding the maintenance and administration of the VAAR and includes procedures for deviations from the VAAR and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

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Subpart 801.1—Purpose, Authority, Issuance

801.101 Purpose.

(a) This subpart establishes Chapter 8, Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation, of Title 48—Federal Acquisition Regulation System, Code of Federal Regulations.

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(b) The VAAR must be utilized in conjunction with the FAR. The VAAR cannot be utilized by itself.

[49 FR 12583, Mar. 29, 1984, as amended at 63 FR 69217, Dec. 16, 1998]

801.103 Authority.

The VAAR and any amendments thereto are issued by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as provided by 38 U.S.C. 501 and the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486(c)).

[49 FR 12583, Mar. 29, 1984, as amended at 54 FR 31961, Aug. 3, 1989. Redesignated and amended at 63 FR 69217, Dec. 16, 1998]

801.104 Applicability.

(a) The FAR and the VAAR apply to all acquisitions of the Department (including construction) made with appropriated funds and procurements made with Supply Fund monies (38 U.S.C. 8121).

(b) The FAR and VAAR will apply to the special procurement programs authorized by Title 38 U.S. Code (Viz., Veterans Canteen Service and the Loan Guaranty programs), to the extent indicated in the VAAR.

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801.104-70 Exclusions.

The FAR and VAAR will not apply to purchases and contracts which utilize General Post Funds when such regulations would infringe upon a donor's prerogative to specify the exact item to be purchased and/or the source of supply.

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Subpart 801.2—Administration

801.201-1 The two councils.

A designee of the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management will represent the Department of Veterans Affairs on the CAA (Civilian Agency Acquisition) Council.

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Subpart 801.3—Department Acquisition Regulations

801.301 Policy.

(a) VAAR, amendments and interim changes thereto will be issued by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs after necessary reviews by cognizant VA officials.

(b) Implementing procedures, instructions and guidelines necessary to implement the VAAR and the FAR may be issued by the heads of contracting activities. Such issuances may include delegations of authority, review and approval for acquisition action up to the dollar level delegated to that contracting activity by this regulation as well as providing procedural guidance for users. Such issuances will be the minimum necessary to provide a logical implementation of FAR and VAAR requirements and will be internal to the facility, i.e., it will not specify reporting/recordkeeping requirements for the public (see 801.301-70(b)).

[49 FR 12583, Mar. 29, 1984, as amended at 52 FR 28559, July 31, 1987; 54 FR 31962, Aug. 3, 1989; 61 FR 20491, May 7, 1996]

801.301-70 Paperwork Reduction Act requirements.

(a) It is the policy of the Government to keep to the minimum the amount of recordkeeping and reporting required of the public. This objective applies to the Department of Veterans Affairs acquisition system.

(b) Contractors will not be requested to maintain systems of records unless prescribed in FAR or VAAR.

(1) A deviation to this prohibition may be processed in accordance with 801.403 in order to allow the contracting officer to require contractor reporting or recordkeeping beyond that prescribed in the FAR and VAAR. The request for deviation will clearly specify what information or recordkeeping will be required and why it is required. The request will be signed by the head of the contracting activity.

(2) The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management (95) will review the request and upon concurrence will likewise submit the request to Office of Management